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Montana

Native American craftspeople, Chinese dragon dancers and cowboy poets are among the multicultural performers touching down in uptown Butte July 11-13 for the **National Folk Festival**. Sponsored by the National Council for Traditional Arts, the event begins the first of a three-summer stint in Butte. Performances on seven stages will showcase blues, jazz, zydeco, gospel and other musical styles. More than 250 musicians, dancers and craftspeople are expected at the event, which also will feature hands-on workshops and other chances to join in. Admission is free. 406-497-6464; Nationalfolkfestival.com.

— Jayne Clark

Nebraska

Railroad enthusiasts should make tracks to North Platte when the **Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center** opens June 12. The 115-foot-tall structure offers a 360-degree view of Union Pacific Railroad's Bailey Yard, the world's largest rail freight classification yard. Each day along the 315 miles of tracks, 15,000 rail cars pass through, and about 3,000 are sorted into newly configured trains. The Tower also should be a prime viewing spot for the whooping crane migration along the Platte River. 308-660-3776; goldenspike.tower.com.

— Jerry Shriver

Nevada

The Silver State may have miles of wide open space, but since November, outdoors enthusiasts in the Reno area need only veer off Interstate 80 to witness a wild scene inside the cavernous **Cabela's**. The store, which dubs itself as the "world's foremost outfitter," boasts a two-story "conservation mountain" populated by big-game trophies and "museum-quality" dioramas. 800-237-4444; cabelas.com

— Jayne Clark

New Hampshire

The most visited cultural attraction in New Hampshire (The Children's Museum of Portsmouth) moves to new and bigger quarters in Dover and is due to reopen as **The Children's Museum of New Hampshire** in July. Tripled in size and housed in a historic red-brick armory, it's constructed to modern eco-friendly specifications. The museum will offer interactive exhibits such as a human-size kaleidoscope and a dinosaur-detective learning game. childrens-museum.org

— Kitty Bean Yancey

New Jersey

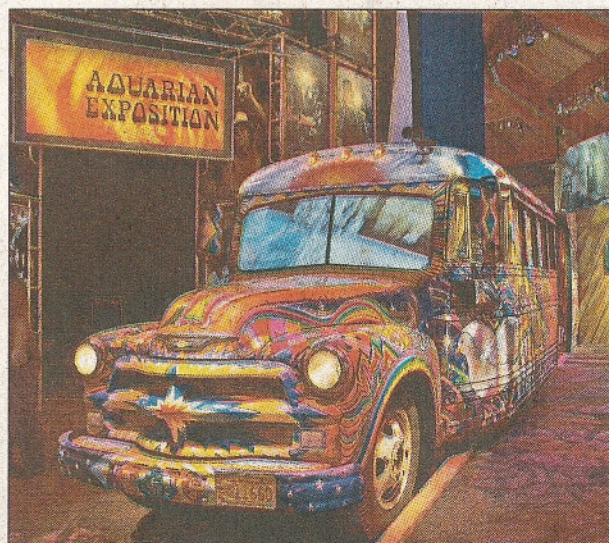
Hold the slots and Texas Hold 'Em. Atlantic City's effort to transform itself into an upscale destination continues with the June opening of **The Water Club, A Signature Hotel by Borgata** — a \$400 million, 800-room non-gaming addition to the popular Borgata casino resort. The resort city's first major non-gambling resort is betting that visitors will ante up \$279 or more a night and up for a two-story spa, outdoor and indoor pools, and rooms with 40-inch flat-screen TVs. 800-800-8817; thewaterclubatborgata.com

— Kitty Bean Yancey



By Travis Suazo, Pueblo Cultural Center

An original dance: Native Americans perform in the courtyard of New Mexico's Pueblo Cultural Center, which is unveiling its new, \$2 million look.



Hippie days here again: A Woodstock-style bus painted in psychedelic colors will be among exhibits when the Museum at Bethel Woods opens June 2 in New York.

Museum at Bethel Woods

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